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Attorney Docket No. 101.0101-00000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/768,991

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS
(as amended)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 of the specification (with
the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

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—Both ends 102 and 104 may include openings such as 116 so as to permit for
the growth of bone and vascular access therethrough. Similarly, sides 106, 108 can
include openings such as 118 for similar or other purposes. Implant 100 preferably has
an open interior 120 between sides 106, 108 to permit for the growth of bone from
adjacent vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body therethrough. The implant 100 itself,